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SUBJECT: REPORT OF EXPECTED LARGE STAFF REDUCTION IN THE
ACADEMY OF SCIENCES

REF: (A) LENINGRAD 1531, (B) LENINGRAD 1360, (C) STATE 271501

1. THE EMBASSY HAS BEEN UNABLE TO CONFIRM REPORTED
LARGE REDUCTION IN ACADEMY STAFF EITHER THROUGH
CONTACTS WITH INDIVIDUAL SOVIET SCIENTISTS OR WITH
SCIENCE ATTACHES IN WESTERN EMBASSIES HERE. ACADEMY
FOREIGN RELATIONS DIRECTOR KULAKOV DENIED THAT ANY
STAFF REDUCTION AT THE ACADEMY WERE IN THE OFFING
DURING INFORMAL DISCUSSION WITH SCICOUNS WEEK OF
NOVEMBER 14. FURTHERMORE, THE APPEARANCE OF
BREZHNEV AT THE ACADEMY JUBILEE SESSION THIS WEEK
WOULD SEEM INCONSISTENT IF A NATION-WIDE CUT OF
30 PERCENT IN ACADEMY STAFF WERE ANTICIPATED. THE
EMBASSY WILL CONTINUE TO PROBE BUT AT THE MOMENT IT
APPEARS UNLIKELY THAT A CUT OF ANY MAGNITUDE IS TO BE EXPECTED
SOON.

2. WE UNDERSTAND THAT GOSSPLAN AND THE STATE
COMMITTEE FOR SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, WHICH JOINTLY
SET THE ACADEMY BUDGET, HAVE ON OCCASION IN PAST
YEARS ISSUED DIRECTIVES FOR REDUCTIONS IN FORCE.
WHILE IT IS RECOGNIZED THAT MANY OF THE INSTITUTES
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OF THE ACADEMY ARE OVERSTAFFED, THE ACADEMY USUALLY IS
ABLE TO EXERT SUFFICIENT COUNTER-PRESSURE TO HAVE
REDUCTION IN FORCE DIRECTIVES RESCINDED ENTIRELY
OR AT LEAST REDUCED TO MODEST DIMENSIONS.
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